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E.O. 12065: GDS 10/19/85 (NEWSOM, DAVID) P

TAGS: PEPR, AF, US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT AMIN'S DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS

REFS: (A) STATE 269645; (B) KABUL 7502; (C) STATE 266391

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO MEET PRESIDENT AMIN AND TO TAKE HIS MEASURE, AS WELL AS TO DRAW HIM OUT ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR BETTER RELATIONS. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT, AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU ASK TO CALL ON AMIN AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

3. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN

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TO FIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR CALL, WHICH ARE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED. IN ADDITION WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS:

-- WE RECENTLY APPROVED A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FOR WAIVER OF PL-480 REGULATIONS TO ENABLE THE EXPORT OF 200 TONS OF WHEAT SEED WHICH THE FAO REQUESTED TO MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS IN AFGHANISTAN. WE VIEW THIS AS AN ADDITIONAL STEP (SUCH AS OUR EARLIER AGREEMENT TO EXTEND

THE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH WE CAN REIMBURSE THE DRA FOR RURAL SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CENTERS) IN KEEPING WITH OUR MUTUAL DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS.

-- WE REMAIN DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE DRA'S APPARENT ABANDONMENT OF GENUINE NONALIGNMENT IN FAVOR OF POLICIES GENERALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THOSE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA AND WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IMPORTANT U.S. INTERESTS.

-- WHILE NOTING WITH APPROVAL RECENT STEPS TAKEN TO RELEASE SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS, WE ARE CONCERNED AT CONTINUING REPORTS THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS REMAIN INCARCERATED AND SUMMARY EXECUTIONS CONTINUE.

4. IF YOUR REQUEST MEETS RESISTANCE, DO NOT PRESS

5. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR DECISION ON THIS. CHRISTOPHER

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